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RE; Docket No 98N- 1265

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was very disappointed to hear that you are planning to severely limit the ability of Doctors to prescribe the best treatment for their patients. I have been receiving Hormonal treatment from my Doctor here in Australia and we have found that the treatments available in Australia are adversely affecting me so she has arranged for me to get creams from America which have been of great benefit to me.

I do not believe there should be any limitation on the practice and interstate or overseas distribution of compounded drugs. There should be no limit on Pharmacists or other health workers sharing available information on alternative treatments.

I urge you not to alter the situation as it would affect a lot of people as well as me. I believe that there are a lot of very capable Pharmacies and Researchers in America who have an understanding of peoples Hormonal and other problems and I believe that to alter the situation by limiting these people is a very backward step.

From comments I have heard I believe that the F D A is supposed to be a "watchdog" for consumers to watch out for safety issues. I do not believe that there is a safety issue involved here.

Yours Faithfully, E Ruth Elder.

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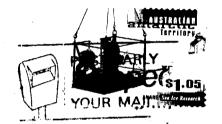
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